

A Whitepaper on SoLID

(Solenoidal Large Intensity Device)

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1 Introduction

At the time of this writing, the highly anticipated 12 GeV upgrade of the CEBAF accelerator is nearing completion and its rich physics program is about to commence in earnest.

The 12 GeV upgrade is accompanied by new detector upgrades that include CLAS12, SHMS, and an entirely new experimental hall featuring searches for QCD exotic states (GlueX). Although the currently envisioned program includes both high rate capability and large acceptance devices, there does not exist a single device capable of handling high luminosity ($10^{36} - 10^{39} \text{cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$) over a large acceptance. **The capabilities of the 12 GeV upgrade will not have been fully exploited unless a large acceptance high luminosity device is constructed.** The SoLID (Solenoidal Large Intensity Detector) program is designed to fulfill this need.

SoLID is made possible by developments in both detector technology and simulation accuracy and detail that were not available in the early stages of the 12 GeV program planning. The spectrometer is designed with a unique capability of reconfiguration to optimize capabilities for either Parity-Violating Deep Inelastic Scattering (PVDIS) or Semi-Inclusive Deep Inelastic Scattering (SIDIS) /threshold production of the J/ψ meson. Already four experiments with an “A” rating and one with an “A-” rating have been approved for SoLID by the Jefferson Lab Program Advisory Committee. Figure 1 shows the two SoLID configurations for these experiments. The collaboration has grown to include more than 200 collaborators at over 50 institutions from 11 nations. A conceptual design of SoLID base equipment has been fully developed and has gone through numerous internal discussions and informal reviews in the last few years. The current status can be found in the SoLID pCDR [1] document.

In the sections that follow, we detail the rich physics program that can only be realized by the construction of SoLID at Jefferson Lab followed by an overview of the SoLID instrumentation and its current status.

2 Transverse Spin and Three-Dimensional momentum Structure of the nucleon from SIDIS

Understanding the internal structure of nucleon and nucleus in terms of quarks and gluons, the fundamental degrees of freedom of Quantum Chromodynamics (QCD), has been, and still is, the frontier of subatomic physics research. In recent years, the hadronic physics community has advanced its investigation of partonic structure of hadrons beyond the one-dimensional parton distribution functions (PDFs) by exploring the motion and spatial distributions of the partons in the direction perpendicular to the momentum of the parent hadron. Such efforts are closely connected to the study and extraction of two new types of parton distribution functions concerning the tomography of the nucleon. They are the transverse-momentum-dependent parton distributions (TMDs), and the generalized parton distributions (GPDs), providing new information about the rich dynamics of QCD.

Knowledge of TMDs is essential to unfold the full momentum and spin structure of the nucleon. The TMDs represent the confined motion of partons inside the nucleon and allow

reconstruction of the nucleon structure in three-dimensional momentum space, thereby leading to exploration and study of new structure, new dynamics, and new phenomena. Most TMDs and related observables are due to couplings of the transverse momentum of quarks with the spin of the nucleon (or the quark). Spin-orbit correlations in QCD similar to those in hydrogen atoms, can therefore be studied. Among the eight leading-twist TMDs, three survive the integration over the transverse momenta of the quarks, and they are the unpolarized and the longitudinally polarized (helicity) TMDs, and the transversely polarized quark distribution function (transversity). Among these three, the transversity is the least known. Its lowest moment defines the tensor charge, a fundamental quantity related to the spin of the nucleon, therefore providing an excellent testing ground for lattice QCD predictions. The remaining five leading-twist TMDs would vanish in the absence of parton orbital angular momentum, therefore, they provide quantitative information about the orbital angular momentum (OAM) of the partons inside the nucleon. The origin of some TMDs and related spin asymmetries, at the partonic level, depends on fundamental properties of QCD, such as its color gauge invariance, which lead to predictions that can be tested experimentally.

The Jefferson Lab 12 GeV energy upgrade and the SoLID detector with the combination of a large acceptance and high luminosity provides a golden opportunity to perform precision measurements of both the single and double spin asymmetries in semi-inclusive deep inelastic scattering, allowing multi-dimensional binning in all relevant kinematic quantities, from polarized ^3He (“neutron”) and polarized proton targets to extract TMDs with unprecedented precision and flavor separation in the valence quark region. Fig. ?? is an illustration showing the high precision of the projected measurement from a transversely polarized ^3He target as a function of Björken x , and pion transverse momentum for an example z , and Q^2 bin, among a total number of 1400 projected data points. Also shown are our published results from the 6 GeV experiment [2] for comparison. Such high precision will provide benchmark tests of dynamical lattice QCD predictions for the tensor charge of the u and d quark, provide quantitative information about quark OAM inside the nucleon, and uncover crucial information about the dynamics of QCD. Furthermore, the SoLID dihadron program, which will take data parasitically with the SIDIS program, will complement the SIDIS measurements nicely, particularly in the extraction of the transversity TMD.

The top panel of Fig. ?? is a compilation of our current, model-dependent knowledge about the u and d quark tensor charges determined from analyses [3, 4, 5] of existing data (shown as points 2-5), the projected results from the JLab SoLID program within the same model [6] (point 1), together with predictions based on lattice QCD [7, 8] (points 6, and 7), Dyson-Schwinger equations [9, 10] (points 8 and 9), and from various models [11, 12, 13, 14, 15] (points 10 - 15). The model dependent uncertainty in the latest extraction [3] is shown as a grey band. In the bottom panel of Fig. ??, we show as an example, the projected measurements of the pretzelosity asymmetry on the neutron (^3He) for both π^+ and π^- together with predictions from S. Boffi *et al.* [16], where contributions from interference of the S - D , and P - P orbital angular momentum states are shown together with the total. It is clear that the projected high precision results from SoLID at 12-GeV JLab will provide powerful tests of LQCD predictions, and much needed quantitative information about quark OAM inside the nucleon.

3 Parity Violation in Deep-Inelastic Scattering

In the late 70's, Prescott *et al.* [17, 18] showed that the weak neutral current violates parity by measuring the non-zero asymmetry $A_{LR} = (\sigma_L - \sigma_R)/(\sigma_L + \sigma_R)$ for polarized electron-deuterium deep inelastic scattering. The experiment also set limits on the dependence of A_{LR} on the variable $y \equiv (E - E')/E$, which ruled out models invented to explain the negative results of the early atom parity violation (APV) experiments. Subsequent to these publications, Glashow, Salam, and Weinberg were awarded the Nobel prize for electroweak unification.

Parity violating electron scattering (PVES) from deuterium in the DIS region at large Bjorken x is an attractive reaction for searching for new physics since there the A_{LR} is approximately independent of hadron structure, and the remaining QCD effects, which are of great interest in themselves, can be isolated by their kinematic dependence. The asymmetry has the form $A/Q^2 = -[a_1 + a_3 f(y)]$, where $f(y) \approx [1 - (1 - y)^2]/[1 + (1 - y)^2]$, $a_1 \propto 2C_{1u} - C_{1d}$ and $a_3 \propto 2C_{2u} - C_{2d}$. $C_{1q}(C_{2q})$ are four-Fermi coupling constants with axial(vector) electron currents and vector(axial) quark currents. At large y , A_{LR} is sensitive to C_{2q} , which cannot be studied in low energy reactions because of large and uncertain radiative corrections. Experiments with atomic parity violation and PVES experiments including Qweak [19] have yielded precise measurements of C_{1q} . The Jefferson Lab PVDIS collaboration [20] has recently published in Nature a new experimental result, $2C_{2u} - C_{2d} = -0.145 \pm 0.068$. This is the first measurement sufficiently sensitive to show that C_{2q} are non-zero as predicted by the Standard Model (SM).

It is important to improve the measurement of the C_{2q} to the level of the C_{1q} . This requires a facility with both large acceptance and high luminosity, which leads to the idea of SoLID [21, 22]. We have developed a preliminary conceptual design of a suitable spectrometer, SoLID, which can reach this goal. The apparatus can measure A_{PV} for about 20 kinematic points shown in the left panel of Fig. ?? with $x > 0.4$ and a range of Q^2 with a statistical precision of about 0.5%. The SoLID spectrometer is part of the parity-violation program at JLab cited in Recommendation I of the 2007 NSAC Long Range Plan. It is part of the SM initiative listed on p. 76 and described in more details on p. 87 of the above document.

One way to characterize and compare the reach of different experiments is to quote mass limits within composite models [23], where the couplings are on the order of $4\pi/\Lambda^2$, where Λ is the compositeness mass scale. Such limits for the JLab PVDIS collaboration and the SoLID PVDIS experiment [24] are shown in the right panel of Fig. ?. The mass limits are on the scale probed by the LHC, and have the unique feature that they probe a very specific helicity structure.

Charge symmetry violation (CSV) in the PDF's is an important possible QCD effect that may be large enough to explain the apparent inconsistency of the NuTeV experiment [25] with the SM [26, 27]. The PVDIS measurements in a broad kinematic region of the SoLID program on a deuterium target will make a first precision determination of the CSV effect in deuterium at the quark level. Another interesting possibility is an additional modification of the PDF's in heavier nuclei, the isovector EMC effect [28] that causes a "pseudo" CSV in nuclei with more neutrons than protons. This effect can be observed by using a ^{48}Ca target with the SoLID apparatus. By using a proton target,

the SoLID apparatus can measure the d/u ratio in the proton in a manner totally free from nuclear effects. The data will be complementary to proposed experiments at JLab including one using mirror ^3H and ^3He nuclei to minimize nuclear effects in extracting F_2^n/F_2^p [29], and the BONUS experiment [30] by tagging slow moving proton to minimize nuclear effects in extracting F_2^n . Another important possible effect is Q^2 -dependence due to higher twist (HT) effects [31]. In the deuteron, A_{PV} has the special feature that HT can only be due to quark-quark correlations; all other diagrams cancel in the ratio.

4 Threshold Electroduction of the J/Ψ on a Nucleon

While significant progress has been achieved in exploring QCD in its perturbative regime, much remains to be understood in the strong regime where the theory is hardly tractable. Lattice QCD, offers real hope for serious progress in unraveling the structure of nucleons. However, given the approximations required to mitigate the limitation of existing computing power for full fledged *ab initio* calculations of key observables, a hand in hand collaboration between experimental measurements and calculations is important.

A natural and basic question to ask in nuclear physics is, how is the mass of the nucleon shared among its constituents and their interactions? In two important papers Ji [32, 33] answered the question by providing what he called “A QCD analysis of the mass structure of the nucleon”. Using the energy-momentum tensor in QCD it was shown that one can partition the mass of the nucleon among four terms identified as the kinetic and potential energy of the quarks, the kinetic and potential energy of the gluons, the quarks masses and the conformal (trace) anomaly. The wealth of deep inelastic scattering data was used to estimate the first three terms at a scale of 1 GeV^2 , while the fourth (conformal anomaly) term was estimated, assuming the nucleon mass sum rule, to contribute roughly 20% to the nucleon mass, and this is quite significant. It is worth noting that this term is scale independent which implies that as we probe the nucleon with higher resolution (Q^2 or higher energy scale) the partition of the mass between quark and gluon energies is modified while the conformal anomaly piece remains the same. This first indirect estimation of the conformal anomaly contribution to the nucleon mass was an important step forward in understanding the low energy regime of the gluonic structure of the nucleon and QCD, however, neither direct measurements nor lattice calculations of this term have been attempted yet.

With the 12 GeV upgrade at Jefferson Lab combined with the large acceptance of the SoLID spectrometer [1], designed to operate in a high luminosity environment, there is a unique opportunity to make a measurement directly sensitive to the anomaly contribution to the J/ψ -nucleon interaction at low energy [34, 35] which will be achieved by measuring the exclusive electroproduction of J/ψ near threshold on a proton. With minimal reconfiguration of the semi-inclusive deep inelastic scattering (SIDIS) set up of SoLID, we can perform measurements of the differential electroproduction cross sections near threshold as a function of the four-momentum transfer to the nucleon ($|t - t_{min}|$). From these measurements, the total virtual-photon absorption cross section is evaluated in the region close to the threshold of J/ψ production (see Fig. ??). The strength of the

conformal anomaly contribution to the low energy J/ψ -nucleon interaction is reflected in the rate with which the total cross section rises (or falls), in the threshold region, as a function of photon energy. Models of the J/ψ production mechanism and its low energy interaction with the nucleon have also been proposed based on two or three gluon exchanges [36], they can be tested too.

Lattice QCD calculation of the anomaly contribution to the nucleon mass in tandem with the proposed measurement will be available in time to fully gauge our understanding of the nucleon mass from QCD.

Beyond accessing the trace anomaly the measurement of electroproduction of the J/ψ near threshold opens a host of important questions related to the gluonic structure of the nucleon. What is the strength of the J/ψ -nucleon interaction near threshold? It is unique in nuclear physics that one can investigate an interaction between two color neutral objects, the nucleon and the J/ψ that is purely gluonic. In this case the interaction force can be considered to be a color Van der Waals force in analogy to atomic physics. Furthermore, at low energy we do not fully understand the production mechanism of quarkonium (J/ψ , Υ) on a nucleon.

The J/ψ physics program at threshold using SoLID is unique in its important impact on our understanding of the low energy structure of the nucleon. From understanding where a large fraction of the nucleon mass originates from (conformal anomaly) to exploring the existence of “color Van der Waals forces” as well as the production mechanism of the J/ψ , SoLID offers the best tool and promise to reach this physics.

5 Overview of SoLID Instrumentation

The SoLID (Solenoidal Large Intensity Device) project will develop a large acceptance spectrometer/detector system capable of handling very high rates. It is designed to satisfy the requirements of five approved highly rated experiments, that require both high luminosity and large acceptance, to exploit the full potential of the Jefferson Lab 12 GeV upgrade. The base equipment composing the SoLID project includes two configurations: the “SIDIS& J/ψ ” configuration and the “PVDIS” configuration. Although the geometrical layouts for the detectors are not the same in the two configurations, most components of the following list of the SoLID base equipment are in common:

1. A solenoidal magnet with a power supply and cryogenic system, now identified as the CLEO-II magnet. With some modifications as described in the pCDR[1], this magnet meets the experimental requirements.
2. GEM detectors for tracking: These are planned to be provided by a SoLID Chinese Collaboration. Five Chinese institutions (USTC, CIAE, Tsinghua, Lanzhou and IMP), in collaboration with US groups (UVa and Temple), have committed to perform R&D and plan to apply for funding from the Chinese funding agencies to construct the GEMs for the SoLID project.
3. An electromagnetic calorimeter for electron identification. (In the SIDIS configuration, it is separated into two sectors, a forward sector and a large-angle sector).

4. A light gas Cherenkov detector for electron identification.
5. A heavy gas Cherenkov detector for pion (hadron) identification. This is for the SIDIS configuration only.
6. A MRPC (Multi-Gap Resistive Plate Chamber) detector serving as a time-of-flight (TOF) detector for pion (hadron) identification. This is for the SIDIS configuration only. The Chinese groups (Tsinghua and USTC), in collaboration with US groups (Duke and Rutgers), have agreed to perform R&D and apply for funding to construct the required MRPC detector for the SoLID project.
7. A set of baffles to reduce background. This is for the PVDIS configuration only.
8. A data acquisition system (DAQ) with online farm capability.
9. Supporting structures for the magnet and the detectors.
10. Requisite Hall A infrastructure to accommodate the functioning of the above.

The five approved experiments in the SoLID research program would require the SoLID base equipment, as well as the components outside the base equipment of the SoLID project. The following lists such additional equipment that is either standard and existing at JLab or that will be available for experiments planned before the SoLID experiments:

1. For SIDIS transversely, and longitudinally polarized ^3He : The existing polarized ^3He target with performance already achieved from the 6 GeV experiment is required.
2. For J/ψ the standard cryogenic LH2 target system with modification in layout is required.
3. For PVDIS: A Compton polarimeter and a super-conducting Moller polarimeter (both also required by the MOLLER project and to be employed for the PREX experiment also) are assumed to be available.

The following items will be required for specific experiments:

1. For PVDIS: a custom, high-power cryotarget is required. Cryogenic cooling capability for the cryotarget (ESR2) is assumed to be available (required by the MOLLER project).
2. For the SIDIS-proton experiment: a transversely polarized proton target is needed. An initial study has been performed by Oxford which concluded that such a target with the specifications satisfying the SoLID experiment requirements is feasible.

6 Current Status

The SoLID spectrometer was initially proposed in 2009 and approved in 2010 for two experiments: SIDIS experiment E12-10-006) and the PVDIS experiment E12-10-007. Both experiments aim to achieve high precision which require very high statistics. A spectrometer/detector system with a large acceptance and also able to handle high luminosity is required. Therefore SoLID is designed to have a large solid angle and broad momentum acceptance and can handle luminosity up to $10^{39}\text{s}^{-1}\text{cm}^{-2}$ with a baffle system in the PVDIS configuration and $10^{37}\text{s}^{-1}\text{cm}^{-2}$ without a baffle system in the SIDIS/ J/ψ configuration. With these unique features, SoLID is ideal for inclusive and semi-inclusive DIS experiments and is also good for measurements of certain exclusive reactions. The SoLID base equipment consists of a solenoid magnet (CLEOII magnet), tracking detectors (GEMs), electron PID detectors (electromagnetic calorimeter and light gas Čerenkov detector) and hadron PID detectors (MRPC, heavy gas Čerenkov and EC), DAQ system, supporting structure and infrastructure needed for the spectrometer. Leveraging the unique capabilities of SoLID, currently, there are five highly rated (four “A” ratings and one “A⁻”) experiments approved using SoLID, along with two “parasitic” experiments.

The conceptual design has gone through many iterations, including various case studies, detailed simulations, pre-R&D testings and a number of internal reviews. Of the various internal reviews, it is worth mentioning the two brainstorming sessions in September 2011 and January 2012, organized by the JLab physics division, and the dry-run review in June 2012 with external experts. These reviews helped greatly in optimizing, improving and finalizing the conceptual design. Detailed simulations with realistic background (including neutron backgrounds) and pre-R&D activities focusing on the major challenges have significantly improved the reliability of the conceptual design. The JLab Hall A engineering group, working with the SoLID collaboration, performed studies on the modification of the CLEO-II magnet to satisfy the SoLID needs. The JLab management has formally requested the CLEO-II magnet and was approved by the management from the CLEO side. A recent site visit confirmed that the magnet is preserved in excellent shape. A plan for the extraction and transportation to JLab is in place. The final version of the pre-CDR[1] was submitted to JLab management in July 2014.

7 Summary

The SoLID spectrometer will be critical in order to meet the major challenges and opportunities enabled by the JLab 12 GeV upgrade. One key issue is thorough understanding of the three-dimensional structure of the nucleon in the valence region to uncover the rich QCD dynamics and discover new phenomena. Only detailed and systematic measurements of the TMD's using SoLID with the combination of high luminosity and large acceptance, giving very high precision in a large number of kinematic bins for both the neutron (^3He) and the proton, can deliver the required information. The existing equipment requires averaging over larger kinematic regions which will likely miss many of the key details.

JLab also has had an excellent tradition in electroweak physics, and the SoLID spectrometer can continue the tradition, providing a test of the SM in a new region of parameter space and also address specific issues in nucleon structure including charge symmetry violation and higher twist effects due to di-quarks. Again, the key to this program is high statistics in many kinematic bins. With the presently available facilities, any measurement would be unable to untangle these effects. In addition, the J/Ψ physics program at threshold using SoLID is unique in its important impact on our understanding of the gluonic contributions in the strong regime of QCD. This challenging process again requires high luminosity and also the ability to measure several particles in coincidence.

The SoLID spectrometer is able to achieve the remarkable performance required by the above physics by using a number of new developments in instrumentation, including large area GEM tracking detectors, new PMT's that can operate for a gas Cerenkov in a moderate magnetic field, and pipeline electronics, recently developed for JLab Hall D, that can handle the high rates and deal efficiently with dead-time and pileup problems.

In summary, the SoLID spectrometer is a remarkably flexible device that can greatly enhance the physics output of the JLab upgrade in a number of exciting areas. In addition, it will provide a proving ground for some of the important technologies that will be crucial for moving forward towards a future Electron Ion Collider detector.

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